

daughter of James Jackson Lamb and Sarah Elizabeth Ross.

She died February 6, 1934 and Samuel died January 14, 1942 in Wallsburg.

When he was a small boy Samuel moved with his family to Wallsburg. When he grew to manhood he sheared sheep a great deal. He owned a farm which he farmed until he retired. He enjoyed hunting and trapping and one fall killed a cinnamon bear in Rain Canyon, near Wallsburg.

He had many hobbies, among which were his large collection of Indian arrow and spear heads. He displayed them in a cupboard. He also collected many coins from foreign countries. He liked to whittle, making small rocking-chairs and other little chairs. He was an excellent carpenter.

Their children are: LeRoy, Abigail Verilion, Elizabeth Lucina, Viola Jane, Jenaire Veryin and Earl James.

#### WILLIAM JASPER BOREN SR. AND LUCINA MECHAM



William Jasper Boren Sr., son of Coleman Boren and Malinda Keller, was born at Peoria, Illinois, on December 30, 1837, and died May 16, 1900, at Wallsburg. He came to Utah in 1851 with his parents as pioneers, settling in Provo. His father was a wealthy

man. They had plenty to start across the plains and helped many who were in need.

He married Lucina Mecham on July 3, 1859, at Provo, Utah. Later they were married by Jonathan Duke in the temple. She was the daughter of Moses Mecham and Elvira Derby, pioneers of 1850 with the ox-team company. She was born March 11, 1841, at Lee County, Iowa, and died June 12, 1925, at Provo. Both are buried at Wallsburg.

William was a Seventy and counselor to Presiding Elder William M. Wall of Wallsburg Ward. He was road supervisor and watermaster for 13 years. He served without pay and was a farmer and shingle-maker. He freighted between Fort Laramie and Salt Lake; was also school board member without pay. He was a veteran of the Blackhawk War.

In early life he was a cabinet maker and shoe cobbler. He was first counselor to William Wall and later worked in the Sunday School and MIA. Jasper bought the first surrey in Wallsburg and built many houses in Wallsburg.

Lucina remembers sitting on the Prophet Joseph Smith's lap many times when she was a child and saw the Prophet and his brother Hyrum after they were killed. She recalls how the dogs howled that night. She also made the long journey across the plains in the spring of 1853. They left the Missouri River with two wagons, one yoke of oxen, two unbroken yoke of steers and four cows. Her father had bought stolen oxen and the owner came and took them away, so they only had one wagon and the cows to come with. The Indians were on the warpath, but they were only stopped once by the Indians. The saints gave them food, although it lessened their supply but the Indians left. Buffalo were plentiful and at times the travelers would have to stop and let the herds pass. Three days from Salt Lake, her cousin, Daniel Mecham, met them with a load of food, for they were out of food.

She went to school whenever she could, for she wanted all the education she could get. Schooling wasn't so readily available then as now. They lived in Lehi and Provo.

Lucina learned to spin and weave and used Indigo for blue, cottonwood bark and mahogany bark to dye the yarn for a dress she wove and made for herself. She wove on shares also.

In the spring of 1864 they moved to

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Wallsburg, and endured many hardships. Lucina didn't like to see the children without an education, so she had them come to her home so she could teach them. She was the first school teacher in Wallsburg.

She made butter and put in salt brine. This Sister Brown took to Salt Lake and sold for her. Lucina would also make butter and haul to Provo to sell. She sold 200 pounds to a Midway man for \$70.

They had a terrible diphtheria epidemic, during which 23 children died in Wallsburg.

When Jasper became very ill with diabetes, Lucina tried ways to make a living for her family and finally decided to start a mercantile business, and did quite well selling produce to John Greer, later to E. H. Boley of American Fork, who was very helpful to her even though there was a glut on the market for these items. She bought groceries for what she sold, from Boley and sold in Wallsburg. Later she added dishes and granite ware, then shoes and Chipman got her to sell ladies and children's wear. She did well in her business.

In later years she studied music and was ward organist for six years, after she was 50 years old. She was midwife after her Aunt Polly Mecham died and delivered 503 babies besides all other nursing she did.

After her children were reared she felt free to spend time to do temple work, which she did until she was no longer able to. Her son Wilford completed a three-year mission to Germany and another son went on one. Lucina was president of the Primary.

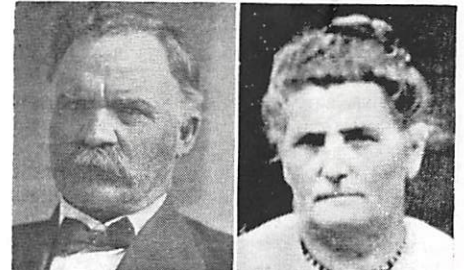
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Their children: William Jasper, Jr., Samuel Leroy, Lucina Izora, Malinda Elvira, Moses Marques, Lorain Jane, Clinton C., Annie Marie, Alma L., Ida Viola, Sarah Minerva, Wilford Wells, and Polly May.

#### WILLIAM JASPER BOREN JR.

William Jasper Boren Jr. was born April 11, 1860, at Provo, Utah, oldest son of William Jasper Boren Sr. and Lucina Mecham. He married Temperance Wall on Sept. 6, 1883, daughter of William M. Wall and Elizabeth Penrod, born October 8, 1865.

His parents lived in Provo for four years. On July 25, 1864, they sold their home in Provo and moved to Wallsburg with their



ox team. William Jasper Jr. helped his father who was a carpenter and a shoe cobbler, until he was 23 years old. He then married Temperance Wall, daughter of William Wall and Elizabeth Penrod September 6, 1883, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They were blessed with a family of 10 children, six of them living at this time. He had a nice farm, raised hay, grain and sugar beets. He also had horses, dairy and range cattle. He taught a Sunday School class for years and later was a Sunday School superintendent. He went on a mission to the Southern States. North Carolina was his headquarters from 1901 to 1903.

On May 11, 1903, he was chosen second counselor to Bishop George P. Garff. On May 26, 1908 he was chosen first counselor to George P. Garff. After serving nine years he was released June 28, 1912. He then was chosen as second counselor in the YMMIA. He took part in theatricals which he enjoyed very much, with Joe Kerby as director. He was on one of Wallsburgs ball teams. In 1892 he played a bass horn in the Wallsburg band with George Dabbling as director. He was school trustee for 15 years. When our school house was being built he hauled flag rock from Lake Creek with a team and wagon and helped with the building. He was justice of the peace from 1917 to 1919. He was road supervisor and deputy road commissioner, constable and school trustee. He died in the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. April 4, 1924 he was buried in the Wallsburg cemetery.

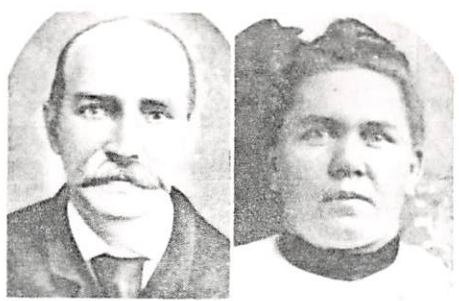
Their children: Malinda William, Archie, Maude, Ray, Ellis, Polly M., Ethel, Edwin, and Areva.

#### WILLIAM BOSHARD AND WILLMIRTH JANE GREER

Willmirth Jane Greer was born January 21, 1883, in Wallsburg, daughter of Dixon



MORONI BLOOD



Moroni Blood, son of Roswell and Elinor Miller Blood. Born January 5, 1839, Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois.  
Married Mary Woods.  
Married Hannah Melissa Lance.  
Married Louise Murri.  
Died May 6, 1919, Midway.  
Louisa Murri Blood, daughter of Johannes Murri and Elizabeth Grossen Murri.  
Born March 6, 1870  
Married Moroni Blood  
Died March 18, 1935, Midway, Utah  
Louisa was baptized September 28, 1879.  
She had her endowments June 21, 1929.  
Moroni's mother died when he was five years old. He and his father and little brother, Timothy, crossed the plains. Timothy died enroute and was buried somewhere on the plains. Moroni and his father arrived in Salt Lake City in 1849. He was then ten years old. They remained in Salt Lake City a while, and then moved to Bountiful. It was later in Bountiful that he met and married Mary Woods. Three years later she died and he moved to Provo and lived with his father. About 1863, Moroni moved to Midway.  
2 In Midway, he married Hannah Melissa Lance. They bought some land and built a house about three blocks west of what is now known as the Homestead. In 1873, he built the home which Mrs. Bonnie Blood now occupies. Across the street from that home, he built a planing mill. It was at this mill that he made a living for himself and his family. He made furniture and coffins and repaired almost everything for

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people from Heber, Charleston, Wallsburg, and Midway.  
In 1855, his wife died. Shortly after that he built a saw mill six miles north of Kamas. With his family, he moved to Kamas, where they lived about two years. In the spring of 1887, they returned to Midway and he later married Louise Murri. In 1893, he built a saw mill at the same location as the planing mill. This saw mill was built from parts of an old threshing machine and he bought only the saw. Then he could saw and plane lumber as well as making furniture and continuing his other work. He worked at this mill as long as he lived.  
Moroni Blood and his family were thrifty, industrious people. They were kind and exceedingly hospitable.  
Louisa Blood was a faithful Latter-day Saint. She was an honored member of the Relief Society for many, many years. She was excellent help in care of sickness and aided many families in Midway.  
Children of Moroni Blood and Mary Woods: Mrs. John (Mary Jane called Jennie) Allen. Sarah, married Mr. Madsen or Madison.  
Children of Moroni Blood and Hannah Melissa Lance:  
Alfred Moroni, died in infancy.  
Orson, married Matilda  
Mrs. Joseph (Elinor) Watkins  
Mrs. Henry (Mary Jane) Lewis  
Mrs. Joseph (Hannah Melissa) Hair  
Mrs. Edward (Lucretia Ann) Christenson  
Children of Moroni Blood and Louisa Murri:  
Mrs. Ernest (Lena) Hicken  
Roswell, married Hazel McNaughton  
Wilford, married Mae Hansen  
Lester, died in youth  
Tracy, married Edith Cummings—later  
Lois —  
Mrs. Keith T. (Hazel) Coleman.

Coffin Maker  
casket "

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